Buffalo Nov. 15th. 1842 Tuesday.

My dear Brother

Your letter of Oct 25th was received at Detroit but I have deferred answering it untill I could address you from this place. — I left D— on the evening of the 4th instant & arrived here on the morning of the 6th. after a very calm & delightful passage. I came in the best Boat, the "Illinois"— had very agreeable company — & mild beautiful weather. — I was in the last respect much more favored than I anticipated — because when I decided to remain untill November I supposed it almost certain that I should have to encounter rough water at least — if not a storm — But I arrived here just in time to escape a severe & protracted storm which has so discomposed the Lakes that the Boats out, have come in far behind their time — & for several days none were able to leave this port — A boat was to leave on Saturday in which Mr Woodruff was to take passage — but its departure was deferred necessarily untill Monday. He went on board early yesterday — but after working their way down to the "Light house" it was found impracticable to get out — & it was therefore concluded to remain untill the wind subsided — He returned therefore at evening & took tea with us — but fearing they might get off; he went down again & this morning as the weather has become fine, he is probably now on the Lake —

Buffalo Harbor is said to present at the present time a very unusual appearance. The calm weather for several weeks detained sail vessels on the Lake - & when a westerly wind set in, it brought them all down together, so that within twenty four hours, more than a hundred arrived. There are now a vast number in port & together with the canal Boats they fill up the creek so entirely that it takes a steamboat lying at the foot of Main street a day to get through them.

We have a clear bright sun this morning - but a cold & piercing atmosphere - The ground is frozen for the first this season - & one feels very much as if winter was rapidly approaching

Sister Sophia is still here but intends to return to Detroit the last of this month - Her health has not improved

Helen has a fine little boy, born on the 29th of Septbr He is very healthy & good looking & grows fast - They think of calling him "Wolcott Robinson" - Anna & Douglass are in good health & great spirits - The latter is very fat -

Sarah Lacey left for New Orleans about the middle of last month - She is to spend the winter with her married sister

I have been here a week & more - how long I shall remain is quite uncertain - Probably however until some time in December - or a favorable opportunity occurs. -

Buffalo at this late season can never be very pleasant & as the weather has now been I have not been able to go out at all

I am glad to perceive that you have some brighter anticipations with regard to your Seminary — It seems at least to have the confidence of the public — so far as the competency of the Instructors &c is concerned —

I received the No. of the N.Y. Observer you mention & have here no opportunity of seeing the paper weekly —

Your Mr Seeley was again in Detroit the Sabbath before I left & preached for Mr Duffield. He was much liked —

I suppose brother George must be resettled in New Haven before this — as I was informed that he would return in Oct — I have not heard from N.H. since the 12th ult —

Love to Theresa Mary & Eddy —

Your affectionate Sister

Elisabeth —

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